

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0041] In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, data **100** is transferred, from one or more native applications **200** in which it is normally stored, to Notes database **400**, through SQL Server means **300** **310** and Cold Fusion server means **350**. Alternatively, as shown in ~~Fig. 4~~ Fig. 5, SQL server **300** means **310** queries native applications **200** and secures data **100** and ~~transfer~~ transfers it to Notes database **400**. Data **100** can be read or transferred to applications **500**, or transferred directly to the end user applications **550**. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the database system enables the user to access, in substantially application-independent format, data **100** that was stored in the native applications in one or more substantially application-dependent, or proprietary, formats. ODBC-compliant, Lotus Notes database, thus, can serve as a data warehouse, bringing together disparate data that was not reconciled using prior known approaches.